

DAVID CASSIDY kicks off his world tour '74 with one concert only at Eden Park in Auckland on February 26. The massive rugby park was chosen by Harry M. Miller so that about 15,000 seats could be set aside for reservations—an innovation for outdoor shows in New Zealand. Of course, Cassidy will be performing in full view of his audience, on a stage set where the goal posts normally are — from his perspective the seating will be laid out in the shape of an inverted V to give a wide angle lens effect. The

star of TV's *The Partridge Family* will play Auckland only in this country with five shows scheduled for Australia. He works hard onstage (around one and a half hours) and his six concerts are therefore set into a three-week period. After the hysterical reaction from fans in Britain last year at the Empire Pool, Wembley, and later at Madison Square Garden, very strict security plans have been made. He had to fly in and out of

venues by helicopter in London. The reserved seating is all part of this plan; with tickets and seat numbers it won't be necessary for fans to wait for hours before seeing the current generation's answer to Sinatra, Presley and the Beatles in past days. Cassidy will be travelling with 19 people, including a rock group and brass section, and at this time there aren't any plans for a supporting artist. The age group of his audience usually starts around eight years old so the concert will begin at 7.30 p.m. with the star onstage right off. With the ticket price at \$4.10 (including booking fee) Harry M. Miller is expecting many families.

The Partridge Family is currently in its fourth season in the US and it will be the last for Cassidy. The character of

"Keith Partridge" will be retired out of the series as David Cassidy moves ahead in his solo career with movies, records and concerts. His latest solo album *Dreams are Nothing More than Wishes* will be released this month in NZ and his current 45 "Day Dreamer" is already out. I'll be reviewing David Cassidy in concert in this column.

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